

HALF OF SILVER MONEY MAY BE COUNTERFEIT

Francis C. Moore Asserts Possibility That \$40,000,000 of White Metal in Circulation Is Bad.

Tells of Confiscation of 170 Dollars Out of 350 Turned Into Subtreasury by a New York Bank.

Chief Wilkie Says Mexican Money Has Been Recoinced and No Wholesale Counterfeiting Exists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The statement was made at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday by Francis C. Moore that of \$40,000,000 silver dollars now in circulation it is within the realm of possibility that not less than 40,000,000 are counterfeit.

Mr. Moore predicated this statement upon a report made to him by the president of one of the leading banks in this city that of 350 silver dollars turned into the subtreasury by the institution of which he is the head no less than 170 were confiscated by the Government as being counterfeit.

Mr. Moore's remarkable statement came as a protest to the report of the committee on finance and currency, to which had been referred the question of suggesting "measures that would tend to provide against a money situation such as we have had recently to deal with."

The report, which was signed by John Harson Rhoades, George G. Williams, Jacob H. Schiff, Charles S. Fairchild, and Lyman J. Gage, recommended "that the effectiveness and elasticity of the present circulation of the national banks could be improved to a considerable extent if the banks were permitted to retire their circulation at will, without being limited to a total retirement of only \$3,000,000 in any one month of the year."

Suggest Credit Currency. "Our committee is further impressed that, supplementary to the present bank note circulation, such a credit currency should be created as would flow with trade and commerce in its upward and downward tendencies."

"The committee also recommends that the power of the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit public money in national banks be extended."

The portion of the report which aroused the opposition of Mr. Moore was as follows:

"Our committee further urges that proper laws be promptly enacted to render the gold standard inviolate, and, to that end, that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to exchange gold for legal tender silver dollars when presented to the Treasury. That the coinage of 1,500,000 of silver dollars per month, now required by law, should cease. That the Secretary of the Treasury should be authorized to coin the silver dollar in the Treasury into subsidiary silver coin and, as public necessities may demand, to recoin silver dollars into subsidiary coin."

Menaced by Counterfeits.

"I take exception," said Mr. Moore, "to that portion of the report which suggests that the Secretary of the Treasury should redeem all silver dollars now outstanding in gold. There are now outstanding about \$30,000,000 in silver coin and \$467,000,000 in silver certificates, while there is only \$114,000,000 in gold in the Treasury with which to meet any demand made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the redemption of the silver dollar."

"I now come to another and, to my mind, most serious point. It is that of counterfeit money. We stand face to face with a situation that is a menace. A silver dollar can be made today by a mechanic as well as the Government can make it, and in which he has only to put 38 cents' worth of silver. The manufacture of counterfeit silver dollars is carried on in this country on a much larger scale than is generally supposed."

"Is not the temptation we offer the counterfeiter too great? It is not improbable to believe that there are 40,000,000 counterfeit silver dollars included in the number that we ask the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem in gold."

The report was adopted by a large majority.

CHIEF WILKIE ALLAYS FEARS OF WHOLESALE COUNTERFEITING

John E. Wilkie, chief of the Secret Service division of the Treasury Department, said this morning that the apprehensions of Francis C. Moore that of the 80,000,000 silver dollars now in circulation half of the number may be counterfeit, are not justified by the facts.

The 170 silver dollars found to be counterfeit at the subtreasury after being turned in by a New York bank, noted by Mr. Moore in substantiation of his fears, are Mexican silver dollars, Chief Wilkie asserts, which have been reduced to the size and stamped with the design of the United States coin of the same value. The counterfeiters, he says, came into this country through a New York export merchant whose trade was with Mexico.

The authorities in Mexico assert, Chief Wilkie says, that the counterfeiters have not made or placed in circulation more than three or four thousand of the spurious coin, and that they were made three years ago.

NO MOTIVE FOUND FOR H. T. GOODWIN'S SUICIDE

Business Affairs of Philadelphia Banker All Right.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—Mystery envelops the motive which led Howard T. Goodwin, the well-known broker, to take his life, if it be that.

Coroner Dugan, after making a thorough investigation of the case, announced that there was no doubt in his mind that it was suicide, although he admitted that he did not know the motive. But relatives of the dead man, who declare that he had no reason to kill himself, incline to the belief that the shooting was accidental or was done by some one else.

Friends of Mr. Goodwin say that he had been in extremely ill health for six months, and the theory is advanced by many that in a moment of temporary aberration, caused by intense suffering, he shot himself.

Members of the firm of J. G. Cassatt & Co., of which Mr. Goodwin was for years the active manager, say that there is nothing to be criticized in his business affairs. Others with whom he had close relations declare that his private matters were in good condition. His domestic life was a particularly bright and happy one.

A recent attack of typhoid fever left Mr. Goodwin's health very much impaired. He was urged by his family and friends to take a long vacation, but he said that his business needed his attention, and he went back to work before he was fit. Many days he was at his desk when he should have been in bed. He was an indefatigable worker and a slave to his business.

Large Life Insurance. Mr. Goodwin carried a large life insurance. Three policies on his life in the Equitable Company aggregate \$65,000. These have run just a little more than one year, and, under the suicide clause, are now payable. It could not be learned yesterday whether he had any more life insurance or not.

A thorough search of his office was made for some note or writing which would throw some light on the affair, but nothing of this sort was discovered. No message was sent to his family. Coroner Dugan said yesterday that a letter addressed to Mr. Cassatt was seen in the letter rack, but the clerks in the office declare that it was not from Mr. Goodwin.

John Lloyd, of Altoona, a member of the firm of Cassatt & Co., came to Philadelphia yesterday as soon as he heard of Mr. Goodwin's death. He was at the office until late last evening going over the firm's affairs with Manager Thomas. He said the books were being examined, but no discrepancies were found and none were suspected.

No Reason for Suicide.

J. O. Kerbaugh, a brother-in-law of Mr. Goodwin, said yesterday that there was no reason why he should commit suicide. Mr. Kerbaugh said that the bullet wound in Mr. Goodwin's head was peculiar, a long wound, more like a cut. He said that there were no powder marks on his face, as would likely be the case if he had held the pistol close to his head.

The detectives are not working on the case and the relatives will do nothing until after the coroner's inquest.

Mr. Goodwin married the daughter of the late Joseph F. Kerbaugh, a lime dealer in this city. They lived in the old Kerbaugh villa in Ridley Park and had one child, a daughter of twelve years. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Many incidents were related yesterday by friends of Mr. Goodwin illustrating traits of his character. A prosperous news agent told how the dead broker had started him in business.

When a boy of thirteen Mr. Goodwin entered the service of Cassatt & Co. Soon afterward the bookkeeper died and he applied for the place. The elder Mr. Cassatt laughed at him, but told him to try. When he entered the credits on the debit side of the ledger his employer thought there was no hope for him, but he persevered and mastered his task.

For twenty-nine years he was a trusted employee of the house. Of late Mr. Cassatt and Mr. Lloyd have been away from their business much of the time, and Mr. Goodwin, who carried a power of attorney from each, was the active head of the concern.

PRESIDENT LOUBET SENDS GREETINGS AND A BOOK

Lieutenant Commander de Faramond, naval attaché of the French Embassy, called upon President Roosevelt at the White House offices yesterday and presented to him an edition-de-luxe copy of the annual register of the French navy, with the personal compliments of the President of France.

M. de Faramond was in full dress uniform of blue, with gold epaulettes, and wore two decorations, one of which was that of the Legion of Honor. He said President Loubet had the highest admiration for President Roosevelt as a citizen and Chief Magistrate.

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INSURANCE BILLS IN VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

Contest Over Passage of Measures Anticipated.

NEW GAME LAWS NEEDED

Three Measures Offered Providing Desired Protection—Appointment of Game Wardens Planned.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 4.—Two bills of importance to the insurance business have been introduced in the Virginia Legislature and the indications are that there will be a lively contest over their passage. Leading insurance men from all sections of the State will come here to fight them.

One of the bills, offered by Senator Sale, of Norfolk, practically re-enacts the Wharton law, while that presented in the house by Frank T. West, of Louisa, is designed to abolish the three-quarter clause, which is operative under the present law.

Mr. Sale's Measure.

The bill of Mr. Sale provides that "it shall be unlawful for any chartered company or association doing business in this State to enter into any compact or combination with any other chartered company or association, or to require or allow their agents to enter into any compact or combination with other agents of such chartered companies or associations, for the purpose of governing or controlling rates or charges used in this State, and that all chartered companies or associations doing business in this State shall cause to be filed on the 1st day of March in each year, with the auditor of public accounts of this State, the affidavit of some officer or agent of said chartered company or association who resides in the State, setting forth the fact that the said company or association of which he is an officer or agent has not in the twelve months prior to the date of the said affidavit entered into any trust, combination, or association for the purpose of preventing competition in rates or charges in this State."

The passage of the Wharton law three years ago is well remembered by the insurance men. It drove the Southeastern Tariff Association out of the State, and aroused such opposition that when the Legislature met again the law was repealed.

Many business men are not satisfied with the repeal of the statute, which prohibited insurance companies from combining to put up rates and abolished the three-quarter clause, and the introduction of the two bills was the result.

New Game Laws.

The importance of providing some better protection for the game of Virginia has been impressed upon members of the Legislature. Senator Bryant, who is interested in the movement, has offered three bills along this line.

The first is to prohibit the shooting of any waterfowl or wild turkeys in the State at night or to capture them in nets or traps at any time, or to use reflectors, or sneak traps, or to hunt muskrats at night with reflectors, or to shoot game of any sort at any time with a gun of larger bore than No. 8. The fine is not less than \$10 nor more than \$50.

Another bill would prohibit the shipment of game from this State, and relates to non-residents. It also designates the quantity of game they may carry out of the State and regulates the shipment through this State of game killed in another State. Quail or partridges, pheasants or grouse, wild turkeys and deer are not permitted to be shipped out of the State for any purpose, except for preparation as specimens of natural history.

To Appoint Game Wardens.

The third bill is to provide for the appointment of game wardens, their compensation, and to define their powers, duties, and liabilities. Each magisterial district shall have one or more wardens, and each town and city to have one or more wardens, to be appointed by the judges of the circuit or corporation courts.

The muskrat clause of the first bill will cause a howl from the rivermen of New Kent, Charles City, King William, James City and other counties of the eastern section of the State which are intersected by small rivers, whose borders are marshes literally infested by muskrats. Any calm fall or winter evening one may see boats gliding up and down the thoroughfares of the marshes of the Chickahominy River. A strong light will be full upon one or other of the banks, thrown ahead and concentrated by a parabolic reflector. All around is as dark as proverbial Erebus, but a white line travels up and down the stream ahead of the boat that lays the bank where it touches and all else there as bright as noon day.

Blinded by Light.

If there is a rat on the end of a log, he becomes as conspicuous as if he were sitting upon a lamp post. The light blinds his rodent majesty until he is utterly bewildered. He sits perfectly still while making up his mind what he is "up against," and the next thing he knows he is facing a load of No. 4 shot. The result is usually a dead rat or a wounded one endeavoring to reach the tuckahoe on the other side of the creek where his home may be, only to be killed by a flash on him and to be finished with a second load.

Ten or fifteen, possibly more, are killed by 10 o'clock. The next morning early the hunterman skins his game and stretches the hides on boards made for the purpose. When dry the skins are either sold at the country store or sent to Richmond. They usually bring the "rattier" fifteen cents apiece. It is fine sport and pays well for about two and a half hours' time.

Another way of getting rats is by the use of steel traps set in slues in the marshes. Many are caught this way, and the bill does not seek to break up this enterprise, but only the shooting of them by the light of a reflector.

TELLS TALE OF FORTUNE AND STEALS JEWELRY

Virginians Victimized Here by Clever Swindler.

CLAIMED TO BE A RELATIVE

Said Beaches Were Heirs to Large Western Property—Lived on Family and Finally Robbed It.

Believing that they had been left a vast fortune in the West, the members of the family of Mrs. Mary E. Beach, of Richmond, Va., who moved to this city several months ago, were duped here a few days ago by a crook who has not been seen since he robbed them of their jewelry.

Mrs. Beach, with her daughters, Fairfax and Kate Beach, resided formerly at 1013 East Clay Street, Richmond, previous to their departure for Washington to live. John D. Beach also resided at that number with them.

Kate Beach was employed as a stenographer here in Washington up to the time she was apprised of the supposed vast fortune the Beaches were led to believe had been left them by a wealthy uncle in the West.

The Swindler Appears.

A man giving his name as Bruce Beach and claiming to be one of the heirs to the great fortune appeared at the Beach home here. He made the members of the family believe that an El Dorado of wealth had been left them and that all they had to do was to go West and secure it.

He said that he would charter a special car to take them there. He agreed to buy all the handsome dresses necessary for Fairfax and Kate Beach to wear on the trip, and promised to place \$4,000 at their disposal for that purpose.

All the family were talking over the plans for going West to live in luxury, and the young women were planning their new wardrobe. The utmost confidence was placed in all of Bruce Beach's plans.

Beach, who had so far succeeded in successfully conducting his scheme, was partaking of the hospitality of the family and calling the members cousins and aunt. He had evidently studied the genealogy of the Beaches, for he seemed to know all about it.

Kate and Fairfax Beach were overjoyed over their supposed prospects, and felt confident that there was no deception.

Secured Their Jewelry.

It was while he was with them that he got hold of their rings. They were pawned for a large sum of money. He suggested a walk along a road near Arlington. On getting ready to leave the house the young women removed all their jewelry of value and locked it up in their trunks. It was missing when next they opened the trunks.

The young women were walking along a lane, which seemed desolate and free from travelers, when they discovered that their supposed relative and benefactor had a pistol in his possession. It was then that they began to feel that something was wrong with the self-styled Bruce Beach, and that they were the victims of his scheme to defraud and injure them.

The time was about to arrive for the scheduled departure of the Beach family in the special coach for the West. The young women were going down Pennsylvania Avenue for the purpose of buying their dresses. They were to meet Bruce Beach somewhere in the center of the city to get the check from him to

pay for their clothes. They spied him in front of a pawnshop.

"Why, what are you doing here. This is a strange place for you to be," said one of the young women.

Has Not Been Seen Since.

The man gave some abrupt excuse for being there. He told of the fine gowns that had been laid aside for one of the young women and insisted that they go to a large dry goods store and wait for him. In some way Beach got away from the young women and has not been seen since.

Some of the relatives of the Beaches in Richmond had been notified and were ready to come to Washington to share in the fortune. A prominent young lawyer and his wife had gone to the Byrd Street station when the wife received a telegram from Mrs. Beach telling them not to come.

"Throw that trunk off," said the wife to the baggage-master on the train which was then pulling out for Washington. The trunk was thrown off and the lawyer and his wife remained in Richmond.

CREMATORY MANAGER KILLED BY DYNAMITE

Doors of 600 Crypts Containing Ashes Blown Open.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—Horace E. Keilig, superintendent of the Philadelphia Crematory in Walnut Lane, Germantown, was blown to pieces in an explosion of dynamite in the main hall of the building, yesterday. Not three yards from the spot where he was killed rested an urn containing the ashes of his daughter, whose body was cremated two weeks ago.

Keilig attempted to open a case containing sixty-two sticks of dynamite so that he could obtain one with which to blast rock in a new-made grave in the outside grounds. He inserted a hatchet under the lid of the box and it came into contact with the dynamite so forcibly that the entire case exploded.

The big crematory was wrecked and the body of the superintendent mutilated beyond recognition. That no more lives were lost was due to the fact that the workmen and attendants had left the building a few minutes earlier to go to lunch.

In the burial hall the glass doors of 600 crypts, containing ashes of the dead, were broken. Many of the urns, which are of porcelain and earthenware, were cracked and only those of bronze were preserved from damage. Two retorts were also destroyed.

GEORGETOWN ELEVEN TO PLAY ALL-WASHINGTON TEAM

Final preparations have been made for the Georgetown-All Washington football game to be played on the Blue and Gray University campus Christmas week. The promoters of the game say they have received much encouragement, and hope to have a big holiday affair.

The regular football season ended with Thanksgiving Day's contest, but the Georgetown players are still in training.

Among the players on the All-Washington eleven are such men as Pat Wells, "Stump" McGee, Hickox, Cy Cummings, Peterson, Church, Lewis, Oyster, Curtis, McGowan, "Stump" Rloridan, Dudley, Frank Smith, Johnson, Parsons, and "Bud" Smith. All of these men are ex-collegians, and were star players in their day. It is expected that a hard-fought game will be the result of the meeting.

SUPPOSED SWINDLER CLAIMS TO BE AMERICAN CITIZEN

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—Karl von Berndorf, who claims to be an American citizen and agent of a New York firm, was arrested here charged with alleged matrimonial swindlings.

SENT TO LUNATIC'S CELL BY SUICIDE OF HIS WIFE

Thomas Smith Committed to Asylum in Trenton.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 5.—Thomas Smith was committed to the State Hospital for the Insane in Trenton, N. J., yesterday. It is believed that he is a hopeless lunatic.

Smith's mental troubles date from the suicide of his wife about two months ago. He was a salesman in a Chestnut Street clothing store. One night when he returned from work to the little home in West Philadelphia, he found his wife dead in the bathtub. She had killed herself by inhaling illuminating gas through a tube.

The sight drove Smith mad. He raved and laughed and shouted until he attracted the attention of the neighbors, and they called a policeman. A strict watch was kept over the patient until his relatives arrived from Trenton. The doctors thought he was simply suffering from hysteria and that he would recover in time, but Smith's wound was deeper than they knew.

His peculiar actions came to a culmination Wednesday night, when he ordered a banquet for 200 persons at the Windsor Hotel in Trenton, engaged a brass band to "make things lively," he said, and tried to persuade the Trenton City Troop to give up the ball it had planned and to attend his banquet instead. Yesterday he sent word to police headquarters that he wanted six policemen for another ball he intended to give.

SHE ESCAPED THE KNIFE.

Ten Months of Peace After Dreadful Suffering.

Operations are becoming a fad; every young man, as soon as he is graduated from a medical college, considers himself capable of undertaking the most serious and complicated surgical work, and hundreds of lives are sacrificed annually to this mad frenzy of incompetent men, to rush into work which should only be undertaken as a last resort, and then only by the most experienced and careful surgeons.

It is a pleasure, in view of these facts, to read the following letter from a woman who has been saved from one of these dangerous operations. "I know I should have informed you long ago regarding my case of piles and the good done me, and I believe I am cured. Last December I sent for your book. I have never been bothered since then, and before I had suffered for the last eleven years, and at the time I wrote I had given birth to a child, and they came down with the delivery of the child by the hand. I could not get them back and I suffered everything, and the doctor said nothing but an operation would ever relieve me, but I read of your remedy in our daily newspaper and I told my husband to get me a box and I would give it a trial before consenting to the knife, and, thanks be to your wonderful medicine, I was saved from the operating table."

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Solid Oak Dressing Cases with French bevel plate mirrors.....\$7.50

Still better Oak Dressing Cases.....\$7.75

The handsome Dressing Case shown here.....\$9.75

Dressing Cases with very big mirrors.....\$14.00

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